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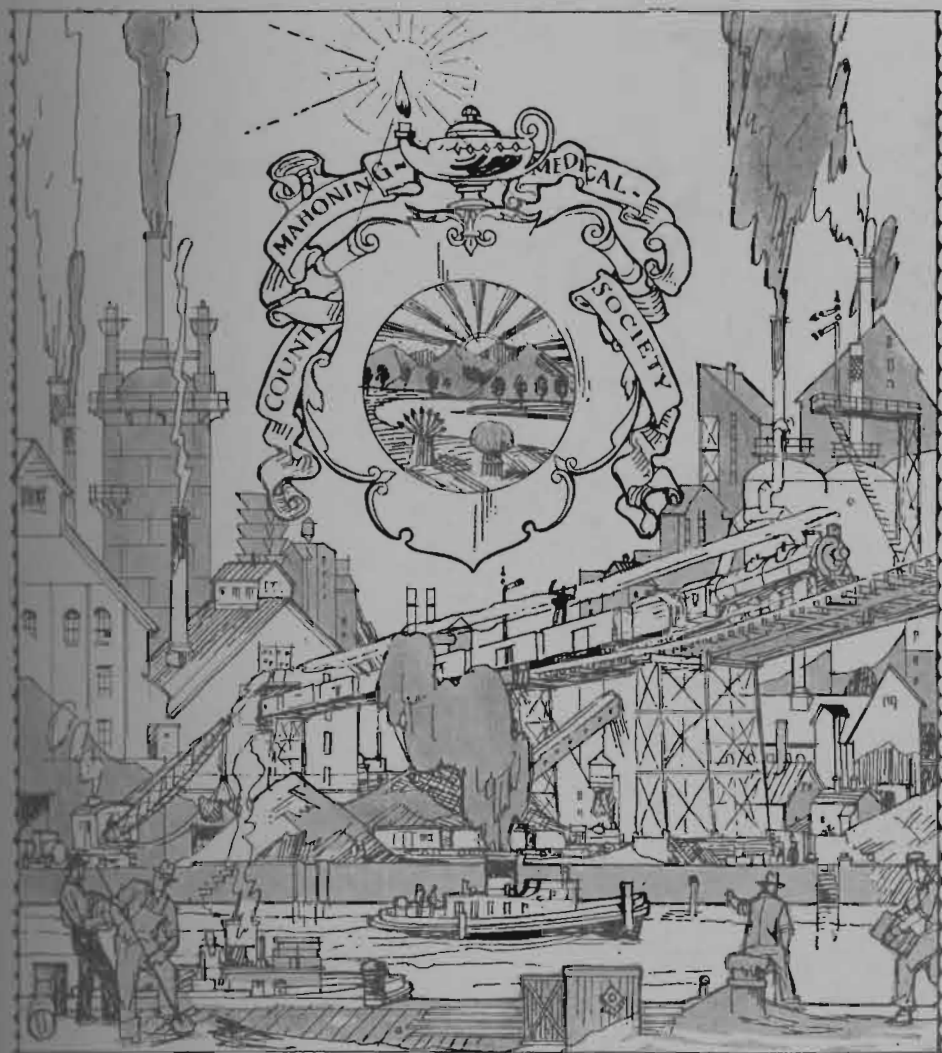
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M.D., Waco, Texas.

J.A.M.A.,

Dec. 19, 1931,

p. 1914

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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The medical profession is indebted to Rabbi S. B. Freehof of Chicago for an intelligent interpretation of the Five Year Study of the Cost of Medical Care from the standpoint of a layman. He states, "We have had so far, the blessing of medical self sacrifice, we have had, the help of medical scientific discovery, we are waiting now for the guidance of medical statesmanship. That statesmanship is coming. The country must not continue half healthy and half diseased. No one but physicians can find the proper solution for this vexing problem. The medical profession is beginning to find the statesmanship necessary for that solution. Soon, we may hope that from the profession, the light of science will illumine all the dark places in our country and help produce healthier, finer and cleaner lives".

This article, from a representative of another profession, relegates the problem of medical care to the medical profession. It recognizes the inadequate distribution of medical care over the population. The difficulty of this inadequacy lies with our economic system. With the decreased incomes throughout the nation charity relief for treatment of illness has been inadequate to meet demands. Nor is this method a reasonable assurance for relief. Where donations were depended upon to supply the needs of the indigent the donations were not sufficient and have failed. This is at best an insecure method of dealing with a problem that is ever present. In the future, to prevent a breakdown of medical care, it must be handled on a more sound basis than good will offerings.

The normal charitable impulses of all communities are largely spent in an effort to still further shift local community problems onto the state or nation. Situations which bear out this statement are: soldier's homes, state institutions for epilepsy, state industrial commissions, and institutions for treatment of ex-service disabilities of soldiers, etc.

To make poor people wards of the state or nation because of poverty, for the purpose of rendering medical care or any other form of service, is not sound economics nor statesmanship. If poverty is due to misfortune it certainly deserves attention by the community as a charity. If it is due to worthlessness, local people are the best judges of its merits or demerits. If the resources of a community are insufficient to support industrious and frugal people, it is the worst sort of folly to make that community the unending beneficiary of the state or national charity.

When problems of destitution are solved by local communities the problems of medical care will be minimized. Now how does this apply to this country as a unit of the country?

The city and county should provide a portion of taxes, inviolate from political mismanagement, to care for the illnesses of those who cannot pay for it. Let them be cared for as any other patients, and let the bills be prorated to the individual or institution providing this care according to the budget. The allied council or the board of health could be used as a clearing house for issuing permits for service. Then these patients would receive the same care as any other private patients, there would be less complaint, and the average physician would not be pauperized with such a load as he is now forced to carry.

The present method of handling the indigent here is not adequate. It can never be so, with the volume of work incumbent upon those who are employed on a salary. The physicians of the vicinity are now, more than ever, doing the bulk of the work. Why then are they not recompensed by the city and county?

Let the city and county officials pay the hospitals for the needy sick, let them keep the dispensaries open. Let us not take the answer that such a plan is impossible, but bring all the resources at our disposal to bring about this change. Other communities are doing it with success.

*J Paul Harvey*



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### WELCOME TO POST GRADUATE DAY ASSEMBLY

THE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY welcomes to this city the distinguished doctors who are to be on the program of our Post Graduate Day. We are honored to have Doctors Ewing, Lee, Craver, and Barringer as our speakers. The name of any one of these gentlemen would grace any scientific gathering but to have all four on one program is a rare treat. We consider it a great privilege to have the opportunity to listen to them and to learn what we can of the wisdom which is theirs. We hope that they will enjoy their stay here and will feel at least partially repaid for their trouble by the good which this will do to our community and by the earnestness with which we always take our Post Graduate Day Assembly.

We also extend a hearty welcome to the out-of-town colleagues who are enrolling for Post Graduate Day. We are glad to have them partake with us of the intellectual feast to which we are looking forward with great pleasure. We hope that they will all make themselves at home here and will be charitable to us if we fail to act the perfect host. The day is a busy one for us and the arrangement committee is making every effort to make the day enjoyable as well as profitable. The chief purpose, of course, is for all of us to learn as much medicine as we can on this day. We feel that the program this year is the finest available, and that anyone who attends the Post Graduate Day Assembly will be amply repaid for his effort.

L. D.



### OUR SOCIETY

THERE is a variety of opinions as to the functions of a County Medical Society: Some think that it should be a closely knit organization which should protect the economic interests of its members; others would like to emphasize the social activities; there are yet others who believe that it should exercise a closer scrutiny over the ethical conduct of its members, and propose to make it more exclusive along these lines. In one thing, however, all are agreed, and that is, that the chief function of a County Medical Society is to provide the best obtainable scientific programs for its meetings and thereby help its members to keep abreast of the best and latest medical methods and ideas. This, in turn, aims to provide the best medical service for the community in which the society functions. In other words, the *raison d'être* for any County Medical Society is to make its members into better practitioners.

While the other activities have their place, we must remember that they are only secondary in importance. Emphasis on these will vary with changing conditions. For instance, during this "economic dislocation" we have allowed the economic problems to come to the front, not because we think them paramount in the life of the Society, but because we have been subjected to unprecedented economic stress. Even this has been caused more by outside influences than from within our own circles. Not one of us considers the Medical Society as a trade guild or an exclusive organization for



play. Each one of us feels and knows that, fundamentally, we band ourselves together for scientific advancement and self improvement in our profession.

That our own Society has been working along these lines should be a matter of pride to us. We have laid much stress on scientific programs and, in the past few years, our meetings have had better talent and larger attendances than ever before. It is gratifying that even during the depression the Society has not retrenched on expenditures for scientific meetings, and the individual members, in the face of hardships, have sacrificed much for the same purpose. It is well that we do so even if we have to sell one of the remaining loaves to provide intellectual hyacinths for our souls.

L. D.



## INTOLERANCE

Race discrimination and religious prejudice are instruments which are frequently employed by demagogues and political opportunists to gain their own ends. It is not surprising, therefore, that Adolph Hitler and his Nazis, who for a number of years have been advocating violence and discrimination against minority groups, are now proceeding, with a ruthlessness which is reminiscent of the wartime "frightfulness", to make good the policies to which they are committed.

As physicians we are especially concerned with news of racial exclusion of Jewish doctors from German hospital staffs and medical schools. It is difficult to conceive of such things happening in Germany. German medicine owes so much of its eminence to the great Jewish physicians. The flower of Jewish medicine was not, as is commonly thought, in early medieval days, but in nineteenth century Germany. One need only recall such medical giants as Henle, Cohnheim, Virchow, Weigert, Traube, Neisser, Hebra, Boas, Unna, Romberg and Ehrlich—there are many others—to appreciate the truth of this statement.

Dr. William Osler, the great medical cosmopolite, knew this well. Writing from Berlin in 1884 he says:

" . . . Should another Moses arise and preach a Semitic exodus from Germany, and should he prevail, they would leave the land impoverished far more than was ancient Egypt by the loss of 'the jewels of gold and jewels of silver.' To say nothing of the material wealth, there is not a profession which would not suffer the serious loss of many of its most brilliant ornaments and in none more so than in our own."

The birth of a new government, like other parturition, is often a bloody and painful process. It is to be hoped that the excesses which are now perpetrated in Germany do not represent a government policy and that they will soon be suppressed. Herr Hitler and his brown shirt followers must sooner or later realize that there are certain maxims of civilization which, in this age, cannot be disregarded, and that a government which begins with medieval methods of making a minority the scapegoat of its own intolerance, cannot long endure.

We, whose function it is to heal the wounds of humanity cannot regard with indifference the infliction of new ones upon its body. Our sympathy goes to all the oppressed and downtrodden, and particularly to our own professional confreres, of any race or nation, whenever and wherever they are discriminated against.

L. D.

## STAMP OUT SMALLPOX

To the already disgraceful smallpox record of the County we regretfully add seventy-one more cases reported for the month of March. Dr. Scofield's suggestion in this issue is probably the key to the solution of the smallpox problem. We hope that some day there will be legislation in this state which will make vaccination compulsory. In the meantime, we should insist on vaccination of all school children and keep in mind that medical education, like the art, is long, and that every doctor must continue to preach the gospel of vaccination.

L. D.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

On March 7th, 1933, a special meeting was held at the Youngstown Club, when Dr. V. C. Rowland of Cleveland, Ohio, gave an address on Preventive Medicine and Periodic Health Examinations.

The regular monthly meeting was held on March 21st, 1933. The speaker of the evening was Dr. L. J. Karnosh, Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurology, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. His subject was "High Lights of Brain Function". This was one of the most interesting, and educational papers that we have heard for many months. The speaker, who is an exceptional actor, was able, by his gestures and complete knowledge of the subject, to hold his audience of 125 doctors spellbound for one and a half hours.

There has been much work done towards promotion of our Annual Post Graduate Day. Many of the members do not realize that it requires considerable work. The Publicity Committee, Post Graduate Day Committee, and the Bulletin Committee are calling for help. If any member feels that he can be of assistance kindly get in touch with this office.

The Cancer Prevention Week is going over with a bang. All the committees are working. Calls for speakers are coming in large numbers. Many of the members that have volunteered to give talks and addresses have come through in wonderful shape, but a few of the members are neglecting their duties to the society in refusing to give the Public Health Committee their aid. We need all the speakers that we can get. Any member who would like to give a short talk kindly get in touch with the secretary's office and he will see that you are given an opportunity to address some organization.



## MEDICAL CLEANINGS

Dr. C. R. Clark has been confined to his home for ten days with a severe laryngitis.

Dr. R. D. Gibson is able to be around. We welcome him back to his routine work.

Dr. W. H. Taylor is still confined to bed and will welcome visitors.

Dr. A. Rosapepe is confined to his home with "La Grippe".

Dr. L. L. Hall is still confined to his home.

Dr. I. C. Smith and wife welcome a new daughter to their home.

Dr. Joseph Colla and wife welcome a new baby to their home.

We extend sincere sympathy to Dr. Charles Scofield on the death of his mother.

On March 9th, 1933, Dr. W. A. Welch addressed the P. T. A. of Harrison School.

On March 14th, 1933, the following members addressed the Youngstown hospital Staff on "Nephritis": Dr. D. B. Phillips, Dr. John Noll, Dr. Chester Askue.

Dr. J. Nagel is spending several weeks in Baltimore, studying at Johns Hopkins Graduate School of Medicine.

Dr. C. S. Lowendorf presented a paper on "Flat Feet" at the monthly staff meeting of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The O. S. U. Bulletin recently carried a gracious write-up of Dr. A. W. Thomas. The article was accompanied by a much too flattering photograph of him.

Dr. R. G. Mossman had his tonsils removed on April 1st.

Wm. Skipp, M. D.

## OUR POST GRADUATE DAY SPEAKERS

### DR. JAMES EWING

Dr. James Ewing was born in Pittsburgh. He has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Amherst; Doctor of Medicine from Columbia; Honorary Doctor of Science from Pittsburgh, Amherst, Western Reserve and Kenyon. His professional positions are as follows:

- (a) He was the first Professor of Pathology at Cornell Medical School, and held that position for 32 years.
- (b) He has long been identified with Memorial Hospital of New York as Pathologist and also as Director of Cancer Research.

He is a member of the American Association of Pathology and Bacteriology; Association of American Physicians; Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine; American Society for the Control of Cancer; American Association for Cancer Research; the Harvey Society; the New York Academy of Medicine; American Roentgen Ray Society; New York Pathological Society and the American Radiological Society. He is the author of one hundred and sixty (160) articles dealing largely with his own research on the subject of neoplastic diseases. He is the author of several books among which the best known are "Clinical Pathology of the Blood" and his classic work, "Neoplastic Diseases". He has held many honorary lectureships, among which may be mentioned, The Carpenter Lecture, the Harvey Lecture, the Mutter Lecture and the Caldwell Lecture.



### DR. BURTON JAMES LEE

Born New Haven, Conn. 1874, graduated from Yale in 1894, graduated College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1898, Clinical Professor of Surgery in Cornell University Medical College, Assistant Attending Surgeon, New York Hospital.

In 1922 joined the staff of Memorial Hospital where he is now Clinical Director and Chief of the Breast Service. Dr. Lee had an active service in the World War, and was Lt. Colonel of Medical Corps, U. S. A. He received the decoration of D. S. M. from the United States Government and Croix de Guerre from France. He has contributed many articles of importance on various surgical topics. He has written sections in Keen's Surgery and the Oxford Loose Leaf Surgery.

He has been one of the chief factors in bringing the clinical service of the Memorial Hospital up to a high standard. In recent years his main activities have been directed to the subject of mammary cancer, in which field he has become recognized as one of the worlds greatest authorities.

He is a fellow of The American College of Surgeons, and a member of The New York Surgical Society, Southern Surgical Association, The Harvey Society, etc. At present he is president of The American Radium Society and a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Committee, American Society for the Control of Cancer. In the interest of this society he has been an active exponent of the organization of cancer institutes and organized cancer services in general hospitals.



### DR. BENJAMIN BARRINGER

Dr. Benjamin Barringer, Chief of the Urological Department at Memorial Hospital, has the unique distinction of being the first American to employ radium in the treatment of bladder carcinomas. He is the foremost authority on the radium treatment of carcinomas of the prostate, bladder and testis. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the Genito Urinary Society and International Urological Society. He is also Urologist of Fifth Avenue Hospital in New York City. Dr. Barringer's researches in radium therapy have revolutionized the treatment of carcinomas of the genito-urinary system.

## DR. LLOYD F. CRAVER

Dr. Lloyd F. Craver has his Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine degrees from Cornell. He occupies a unique position among internists in America. He is a physician who has devoted his life to the clinical diagnosis of neoplastic diseases, in which field he has no peer. He is the Chief Physician in Memorial Hospital where he sees every patient who enters the institution before they are referred to the respective departments. He has probably seen and examined more patients yearly with carcinoma than any other doctor in the United States. In addition to this, at Memorial Hospital he has complete charge of the treatment of all tumors of the lymphoid systems, such as lymphosarcomas, Hodgkin's Disease and the leukemias, as well as the radiological treatment of carcinomas of the lung and the thyroid. He is chairman of the Memorial committee on radiation therapy, and is in direct charge of experimental work with the new 1,000,000 volt General Electric X-ray machine, and the Heublein Unit for Teleroentgenotherapy.

## FROM THE POST GRADUATE COMMITTEE

It is just a few days until the sixth annual Post Graduate Day will take place, and the committee on arrangements wishes to report that judging from out of town communication which have been received a great crowd is expected. Among our own members however, the ticket selling has been rather slow. So far, not enough have registered. We wish to have the entire membership accounted for very soon, since it will facilitate the handling of the crowd on the 20th of April. Of course everyone is going to attend, so why not get a ticket now?

Gordon G. Nelson, M. D., Chairman.

## CANCER WEEK PROGRAM

Activities for Cancer Week have already passed the preparation stage. In fact we are already actively engaged in our Educational Program. Due to the fact that many organizations do not have meetings during the week of April 13 to 20, we have been forced to extend our activities over a longer period and to begin the campaign earlier. Thus the Cancer Control Program will be more of a Cancer Month than a Cancer Week.

At the time this is written, March 30th, 6 clubs and other organizations have already been addressed and we have engagements for speakers to appear before 16 more. The newspaper and radio publicity will not be carried on to any great extent until Cancer Week proper, starting on April 13. The committee in charge has felt that it was better to get the speaking engagements when they could, rather than to try and be arbitrary about the date. This necessarily causes some of the speeches to be given upon short notice. We wish to ask all those who are enrolled in the Speaker's Bureau to prepare themselves for short talks on Cancer Prevention and hold themselves in readiness to speak upon short notice. Any member who is willing to help out with these talks, please speak to Dr. Skipp or to Dr. Fisher.

We wish to call your attention particularly to the showings of the Canti-film which will take place in the various hospitals on April 18 and 19. Nurses and their friends will be especially invited, but this film is a so of great interest to physicians. It has been shown at a number of the national medical conventions and those who have seen it are very enthusiastic in their praise. Growth of both malignant and normal cells is shown, demonstrating each stage of mitosis. Dr. Frank L. Rector of the American Society for the Control of Cancer will be with us and will have charge of the showing of this film.

On April 20, the Medical Society's Post Graduate Day, the Cancer Control Campaign will culminate in a public meeting at 2:30 P. M., in the Ohio Edison Auditorium, under the auspices of the Federated Women's Clubs. Dr. J. Burton Lee will be loaned by the Society to address this meeting. All members are urged to give this meeting all the publicity possible among their friends and patients.

J. L. F.

## DOCTOR HENRY MANNING—Continued

Excerpts From His Letters

By SIDNEY McCURDY, M. D.

In the March issue was printed a biography of Dr. Manning, the second physician to settle in Youngstown. In this issue, through the kindness of Judge Frank Baldwin, Dr. Manning's grandson, part of his correspondence is given.

**T**HE first letter referring to his medical activities. After attending an Academy at Colchester, Connecticut, he studies medicine for two years, with Doctor Hutchinson, at Lebanon, Conn., his birthplace, at the same time helping his father with the farm work. At the age of 22 he goes to Cherry Valley, New York, to continue his medical studies under a Dr. White, teaching school part time.

November 9, 1810—In letter to his father from Cherry Valley he says—"think I shall stay here all winter, advantages for obtaining medical and surgical knowledge being very good."

His medical course completed and ready to start West. All local historians to the contrary, this letter shows that he did have a diploma. In later life he received honorary diplomas from several medical schools.

June 27, 1811, to his father—Cherry Valley—"I have been examined and received a diploma and calculate to set out tomorrow on a journey to the west. If I find a place that suits me shall probably make a stand otherwise return. To be at a considerable distance from home is to be sure not so agreeable but I am necessitated to as there are but few places in Connecticut which afford a prospect of a living."

Arrives in Youngstown July 13th, 1811, after a long horseback journey, and decides to settle here. It would seem that the prospects for a brilliant medical career were not good. The "sparsely settled village of one street" was having a discouraging time just then. The excessive rains of 1810 and the two following years had all but ruined crops. "Industry was demoralized": the one tiny iron furnace had to suspend operations. The Indians were still plentiful and had allied themselves with the British. They were getting ugly and were committing depredations. There were British inspired Indian raids. (The war with England actually began in 1811). There was apparently no dearth of doctors here as Dr. Dutton, the only doctor, was able to minister to the people's ills and still had time to do farming and stock raising on the side.

July 18, 1811, letter to his brother Jabez—tells of his journey west and decision to settle at Youngstown.

*Getting a foothold. High ideals of practice of medicine.*

April 22, 1812, letter to his father. Tells of buying place and becoming freeholder—giving appearance of permanent settlement. "Tho it has been the most healthy year that ever was known, my business increases by slow, and believe, sure degrees, notwithstanding all the disadvantages (I labor) of being a youth, a stranger and surrounded by older physicians and one in this place. I mean as father, by letter advised, to be moderate in my charges, to conduct with strict justice and liberality towards every one, especially towards the poor, most of whom have been the sick this year. As to my circumstances respecting property they are just this, value of paid for land and improvements \$45.00 but consider it worth more. For instruments and medicine \$30.00. My horse is not quite so valuable as the one I rode from home."

"I have paid up all my expenses of horsekeeping, clothes and contingencies excepting I am some behind for board yet and calculate as much or rather more than I have on books or by me at present, subtracting debts and such

as I know I cannot get and shall not call for at present knowing that the people cannot pay without inconvenience. My expenses have been considerable having my board and everything to pay money for and waiting six months before I had half business enough to support me but now I am on the mend and have more."

*Makes fine record as army surgeon. A local historian states that by his unwearied attentions and great kindness to the soldiers, who required his services, and the skill displayed in the treatment of their diseases, he gained the affection and confidence of the men of his regiment, many of whom were from Youngstown and vicinity. This, undoubtedly, had much influence on his subsequent professional success.*

Served as surgeon in N. W. Army in war of 1812 and writes from Camp Avery February 3, 1813, that he had been more than five months in the North West Army and was to stay another month. He had been in uninterrupted health in spite of hardships and says "We have a good school for improving in our profession but much fatigue, hardship and disagreeable society to encounter with"—"as to my circumstances I make a handsome living and lay up clear \$50 per month."

March 29, 1813, to his father (from Youngstown) "I have once more returned to my former habitation in good health, altho before I left camp had a short but severe touch of the fever which was epidemic with us and swept off a number of valuable citizens and soldiers."

"It has been more sickly this spring than ever before in this part of the country which has occasioned me more business since I returned (March 7th) than I can well attend to. The weather has been and continues variable with changes sudden and extreme.

*The "dumb ague". Savages still abundant.*

August 3, 1813—to his brother Samuel—"It has been an unhealthy season here and although diseases at present are not so mortal as in the winter and spring, yet fevers and other complaints are more prevalent than common"—Said he had a light attack of "what the inhabitants on the Lake Shore call the dumb ague or a severe intermittant fever without a shake and but a trifling cold stage—"Says the war bears heavy in this infant State. Says the inhabitants being frequently called from domestic avocations to take up arms and protect the frontiers from the savage and more than savage foe.

July 20, 1814—to brother John—"It has been sickly here this spring and summer and still continues to be so. Fevers, dysenteries, measles and various diseases distress the inhabitants but have not proved very mortal—"

To Jabez—Tells him to get a good fat horse—see that the saddle fits so as not to make his back sore and he could be here in 15 days and at little expense. He came in October 1814 and was 25 days.

*Marries. His wife was a cousin of Dr. Jared Potter Kirtland who was one of the greatest physicians and medical educators in Ohio. Dr. Kirtland was one of the founders of Western Reserve Medical School.*

Poland, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1814—to his father—"I have not much news to write except that on last Thursday evening I was married to Miss Lucretia Kirtland, daughter of Mr. Jared Kirtland of Poland—Pardon me for proceeding thus without a father's consent and blessing. Accept her as a child. I think she is not unworthy of it."

*Epidemic of "the bloody flux". The doctor is prospering. He is branching out into the apothecary business.*

Sept. 2, 1815—to Mary, his sister—Was hindered from going back to Connecticut on visit because "the bloody flux began to prevail and still continues its ravages, great numbers have died in the county tho but one within our township. People who had been in the habit of employing me earnestly requested me not to go away this fall. I have also been erecting an addition to my house and an apothecary's store on a copartnership with an able



and prudent young man. I had it in contemplation then to go to Philadelphia to purchase drugs and medicine." His partner went instead as he could not leave his practice (350 miles to Phila.)

July 18, 1816, To his father—"It is middling healthy with us; yet by riding a considerable distance I have as much business as I can do and often much more than I can attend to with comfort."

*Performs "trepanning" with Dr. Dutton.*

December 19, 1816—To his brother Jabez who had studied medicine. "It is not very healthy in the country adjacent. The diseases are of various species and no one prevailing as an epidemic. Mr. Kline died suddenly two or three weeks ago with hematemesis. Dr. Dutton and myself have had one operation trepanning since you left us. The accident happened about ten days since, was occasioned by a limb of a tree falling on him. He is much bruised besides the fracture of the cranium and is in a doubtful way tho' I have tolerable hope of his recovery. The operation was more difficult than any which I had performed or witnessed before owing to the fracture extending in different directions and the bones being very much depressed". He asks for an account of modern publications on medical subjects as he had grown almost as rusty as if he had resided for two or three years in another world.

*And patient recovers.*

February 8, 1817—To his brother Jabez—"Diseases are various, the number of patients about as usual—fatal terminations rare. Mr. Thomas Farvel has recovered from the fracture of the cranium. We had another operation in Canfield last week for strangulated hernia—a bad case tho' we have hopes of recovery.

April 10, 1817—To his father—Says season more healthy than seasons past but still has been much fatigued with business.

*To trepan or not to trepan? Nice diagnosis, doctor.*

July 13, 1821—Began a letter to his sister, was interrupted and continued on 15th. "I had progressed but a few lines until I had a call to ride about twelve miles to trepan a child which was supposed to have its skull broken. I have been and found the operation not necessary. I mention, however, that I had occasion to perform the operation in a neighboring township about ten days ago. The skull was badly fractured and depressed—But the patient so far is doing well."

*Business good, collections rotten.*

June 4, 1820—To his brother Samuel—"I have just returned from visiting a patient who lives about seven or eight miles from here. His name is Barrows. His disease a Typhus Fever—has been very sick. I have attended him every day for more than a week but I think there is now a prospect of his recovery. With regard to my own business, I have at present as much as I can well attend to but the scarcity of money makes it difficult to collect my dues. I have my land all paid for tho' I owe some for board and medicine."

August 8, 1820—Mentions a trip to Kinsman.

November 4, 1823—"It has been more sickly in our neighborhood this season than for several years past tho' the fever in our town has not in any instance proved mortal and not many in the neighboring townships. The Hon. E. E. Boardman died at his son's in the town of Boardman south of us, last summer. He was sick some time. His complaint was a Dysuria with which he had been by turns afflicted for some years. I attended him for some time in consultation with other physicians, but all to no purpose.

February 13, 1824—Tells of sending a young man to Marion, Ohio, to look after affairs of Dr. Manning's brother Jabez, who had died. The young man was "Dr. C. R. Fowler, who studied his profession with me and is lately licensed to practice."

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## FORWARD HO

During the past month, we have witnessed the successful struggle of the Nation against those terminal forces of a World Depression which threatened for a time, our whole economic structure.

The marshalling of the forces of a United Nation behind a courageous and competent leader has made possible the victory thus far achieved.

Much remains to be accomplished in our national programme of rehabilitation, but the spirit of co-operation and loyalty is manifest throughout the land and America is again moving forward.

Throughout all of these trying years, the real character of all component parts of American Society has been tested as never before. While it is true that some have been found wanting under searching public examination, yet we must admit that American Society as a whole, has measured up well during the crisis. The ideals of a hundred and fifty years have served the Nation well during its critical hours and have transcended most of our real dangers.

A casual survey of public health records during these dark years reveals the fact that the Nation's health was never better. In no small measure, has this same fact contributed to our national salvation.

The Profession of Medicine can well be proud of its conduct and accomplishments during this period and when the final audit of its stewardship has been made, there will be recorded in bold figures the loyal, unselfish and zealous spirit of service of the American Physician.

The traditions of the Medical Profession have been upheld when many other standards have fallen or been in imminent danger. The morale of the American Physician has held to a high plane and his record of service has remained unblemished during times of economic distress which have threatened his very existence.

Witness the many evidences of his ambitious efforts to improve and enlarge the scope of his professional service, such as increased membership in Medical Organizations, his zealous efforts to enhance their scientific value, and the willingness with which he has contributed to their support when such support was not without real sacrifice.

While these facts are true of the profession at large, they are especially true in our own community. The Mahoning County Medical Society today holds an enviable position in our State Organization, a position made possible by well-directed and coordinated effort on the part of officers and membership.

The quality of our monthly programmes has been of the highest order as evidenced by the long list of nationally known men who have addressed us. The ambition of our members to improve their capacity to serve has been well reflected in the best attendance records in the history of our Society. The enrollment of nearly five hundred physicians at our last Post Graduate Day Assembly is a record that no County Society of our size can even attempt to match. Our Monthly Bulletin has been published and financed during years when many astute and sagacious business minds have failed. Today it is the best Bulletin of any County Society of one hundred and ninety members in the United States. We are proud of it as our official organ, and the efforts of its Staff will be supported loyally at all times.

At the present time there is accumulating evidence that National Economic Health is slowly returning. When recovery is an assured fact the American Physician will have written his name indelibly into the records of its accomplishment by his loyal, unselfish and highminded spirit of service to his patient, his community and his country.

M. P. Jones, M. D.



MAY MEETING

of the

MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Speaker:

DR. GEORGE J. HEUER

Professor of Surgery, Cornell University and Surgeon in Chief,  
New York Hospital

Subject:

"SURGERY OF THE THORAX"

Tuesday, May 16th, 1933, 8:30 P. M.,

at the Youngstown Club

JOINT MEETING

of the

Mahoning County Medical Society

and the

Mahoning County Bar Association

Tuesday Evening, June 27th

Speakers:

HON. F. ROLLIN HAHN, Youngstown, Ohio

Subject: "Medico-Legal Considerations from the  
Standpoint of the Lawyer."

DR. EDWIN A. HAMILTON, Columbus, Ohio

Subject: "Medico-Legal Considerations from the  
Standpoint of the Doctor."

# Mahoning County Medical Society

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th, 1933

The entire day and evening will be devoted to lectures and demonstrations  
by a group of men from the

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF N. Y.

## SPEAKERS:

DR. JAMES EWING, Director, Memorial Hospital, New York  
City, Professor Oncology, Cornell Uni-  
versity Medical School, New York City.

DR. BURTON J. LEE, Clinical Director, Memorial Hospital,  
New York City, Clinical Professor  
of Surgery, Cornell University Med-  
ical School, New York City.

DR. LLOYD F. CRAVER, Attending Physician, Memorial  
Hospital, New York City.

DR. BENJ. S. BARRINGER, Attending Urologist, Memorial  
Hospital, New York City.

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Morning and Afternoon Sessions at Hotel Ohio

Dinner and Evening Sessions at Youngstown Club

Registration Fee, Including Dinner, Five Dollars

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VISITING PHYSICIANS CORDIALLY INVITED

# 6th Annual Post Graduate Assembly

## PROGRAM

### MORNING SESSION:

- 9:00 a. m. Refinements in Tumor Diagnosis, Dr. James Ewing.  
10:00 a. m. Diagnosis and Treatment of Hodgkins Disease, Leukemia  
and Lymphosarcoma. Dr. Lloyd F. Craver.  
11:00 a. m. The Past and the Present in the Treatment of Genito-Urinary  
Carcinoma. Dr. Benjamin S. Barringer.

### AFTERNOON SESSION:

- 1:00 p. m. Melanoma. Dr. James Ewing.  
2:00 p. m. Medical Problems in the Treatment and Diagnosis of  
Cancer. Dr. Lloyd F. Craver.  
3:00 p. m. Radium Treatment of Cancer of the Bladder.  
Dr. Benjamin S. Barringer  
4:00 p. m. Cancer of the Breast. Dr. Burton J. Lee.

DINNER YOUNGSTOWN CLUB, 6:00 P. M.

### EVENING SESSION:

- 8:00 p. m. Specializing in Cancer. Dr. James Ewing.  
9:00 p. m. The Role of Surgery and the Role of Irradiation in the  
Treatment of Cancer. Dr. Burton J. Lee.  
The Recreational Facilities of The Youngstown Club May Be Enjoyed  
Following the Evening Session.

VISITORS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATIONS  
EARLY

### POST GRADUATE COMMITTEE:

G. G. Nelson, Chairman

L. H. Getty, P. J. Fuzy, J. D. Brown, Saul Tamarkin, P. H. Kennedy

Address all communications to Dr. G. G. Nelson, 138 Lincoln Avenue,  
Youngstown, Ohio

## Out of Town Meetings

### CLEVELAND ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

#### JOINT MEETING

Experimental Medicine Section of the Academy of Medicine and the Cleveland Section of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine Institute of Pathology — Friday, April 14, 1933, 8:15 P. M.

(Arranged by Department of Pediatrics)

1. Further Experiments in Poliomyelitis:  
Agglutinate Changes against the Enteric Group of  
Organisms found in the Blood Serums of Convalescent  
Poliomyelitis Patients . . . . . JOHN A. TOOMEY, M. D.
2. Atropin Tolerance in Infants and Children . . . . . JAMES D. PILCHER, M. D.
3. Serum Phosphatase Studies in Infants and Children  
G. RICHARD RUSSELL, M. D., HENRY J. GERSTENBERGER, M. D.,  
A. J. HORESH, M. D.\*, A. L. VAN HORN, M. D. and EDNA  
E. CHAPMAN, M. A.\*.
4. Chemical Changes in the Blood in Experimental  
Biliary Obstruction and Fistula of Dogs . . . . .  
HENRY J. GERSTENBERGER, M. D., HARRY GOLDBLATT, M. D.,  
DONALDA N. SMITH, B. S.\*, EDNA E. CHAPMAN, M. D.\*, and  
CATHERINE S. ROSE, A. B.\*.
5. On the Motion of Growth: The Energetics of  
Growth and Metabolism . . . . . NORMAN C. WETZEL, M. D.

\*By Invitation

#### Ophthalmological and Oto-Laryngological Section

Medical Library Building—Friday, April 28th, 1933, 8:15 P. M.

- Osteomyelitis of the Skull . . . . . A. C. FURSTENBERG, M. D.  
*Professor of Oto-Laryngology, University  
Hospital, Ann Arbor.*

#### Industrial Medicine and Orthopedic Section

St. Alexis Hospital—Wednesday, April 19, 1933, 8:15 P. M.

1. Spondylolisthesis . . . . . T. A. WILLIS, M. D.
2. Crushed Forearm . . . . . J. F. CORRIGAN, M. D.
3. Pseudo-arthritis of the Costal Cartilages . . . . . G. E. FOLLANSBEE, M. D.
4. Arteriovenous Aneurysm . . . . . J. N. WYCHGEL, M. D.
5. Ganglionectomy—nonunion of Humerus . . . . . E. A. MASTICS, M. D.

## UNION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE SIXTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

April 12th, 1933

NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WOOSTER COLLEGE, WOOSTER, O.  
1:00 P. M. — Prompt

BUSINESS SESSION—This is the time to present your problems.

"PUBLIC HEALTH—Some Problems and Suggestions for  
the Future" . . . . . DR. C. B. MOUSER, Ashland

"Medical Practice in South America" . . . . . DR. J. L. STEVENS, Mansfield

"Medical Practice in Persia" . . . . . DR. R. C. MCDOWELL, Wooster

"Recent Contributions to the Etiology and Treatment  
of Nephritis" . . . . . DR. J. M. HAYMAN, University Hospital of Cleveland

DINNER

In the Same Building — One Dollar (\$1.00) Per Plate

"Pot pourri" — By PRESIDENT CHARLES F. WISHART of the University

Evening Address by DR. GEORGE M. CURTIS of the State University, Professor  
of Surgical Research

(Dr. Curtis was formerly connected with Vanderbilt University, U. of M.,  
and came from Chicago University)

Subject:—"Surgical Research and the Thyroid" . . . . . DR. CURTIS

## MORE ABOUT THE COSTS OF MEDICAL CARE

By CLAUDE B. NORRIS, M. D.

ONCE upon a time several blind men were examining an elephant. As they went about it, they reported their findings. One fellow got hold of the elephant's tail. He swore that beyond a doubt the elephant "is much like an animated feather duster!" Another, taking hold of an ear, retorted, "Why, you ignorant boob, how did you get that way? A feather duster, me-eye! This animal is precisely like a thick, leathery, palm leaf, half dry!" A third, happening to approach the side of the creature, exclaimed: "Whats-a-matter wit' you nit-wits? This here beast bears no resemblance to either of the fool things you say he's like; why 'tis as plain as can be, he's built like a wall." Not to be left out of the argument, another, who by chance had taken hold of the tusk, yapped, "No wonder the world don't get nowhere! There you ignoramuses fuss and quarrel and raise old Ned when none of you don't know nothing about what a elephant do be like. Ain't I just examined him, and found him absolutely nothing but a cold, dry, hard, round, fairly sharp, saber!" Whereupon these worthies fell to violent quarreling, each sure that he was right.

Much that we hear and read about the costs of medical care seems really to deal with but one aspect of a larger subject. In the first place, physicians enter into the picture only to the extent of something less than one-third the out-lay involved. Specifically, 29.8 cents of the medical dollar goes to the physician; or \$8.94 of the \$30.00 spent each year for medical care.

There is, however, serious maladjustment in these matters. Many able laymen proclaim the fact, and numerous medical leaders concede it. But always it must be kept in mind that there can be no permanent settlement of the question as an isolated phenomenon. It is but the ear, or the tusk, or the tail, of the economic elephant; it is interwoven into the fabric of our whole social and economic system. The inequities and the consequent hardships, admitting that they are sometimes cruel, are nevertheless, not more conspicuously present in this than in nearly every other economic phase of our lives.

This shall be no argument for the destruction of capitalism. Capitalism is based upon the firm foundation of civilized human experience. To that individual who denies himself the pleasures and the ease of the present in order that he may prepare himself for more useful service in the future, must go a reward that bears some relationship to the value of his social contribution. But his reward must not be out of proportion. Society must benefit more than does the individual. Otherwise, as far as humanity is concerned, all the preparation and sacrifice upon the part of the individual becomes a social liability, rather than an asset.

How do the doctors of medicine measure up to this standard? Is their contribution, admittedly the direct result of their preparation and their sacrifice, a national asset or a liability? Capitalism measures such matters in money. In 1929, a peak year for industry, one-third of the physicians of this country made less than \$2,500.00; and the average income was \$5,300.00. Stated bluntly, if American physicians are not worth more to Society than the amount they received in that year, they are worth absolutely nothing, and the profession ought to be suppressed.

Let us examine the situation in other lines of endeavor. One man, widely known, possessed not more than 2 hundred thousands, 7 or 8 years ago. Today, even with deflated values, he is worth 2 millions. Another took 7 millions for 5 years as titular head of a steel organization; another 2½ millions for one year of service; another 3 millions for 2 years. Numerous of these "insiders" get one or 2 or 3 hundred thousands. Where are these "Moses" now? For these large rewards, what was their unique contribution to the common welfare? Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, and the others, drawing millions for pugilistic prowess; "Moviedom" paid millions to portray "IT",—all interesting, but actually what is their social "black ink" contribution? The fact is that clergymen, school teachers, policemen, carpenters, almost

any class, received as much material reward as did physicians for that year, 1929. To qualify slightly, although it is not necessary to do so, any other group with equal training received as large a reward for their services as did the medical profession.

Capitalism *must* be controlled. Excess profits must be taxed out of existence. Labor, along with every other actual social contributor, must share equitably. This is justice, not sentimentalism. This nation rests upon its secure and independent yeomanry, not upon two classes, the very rich and the abjectly poor. When these things are adjusted, this cry about the high costs of medical care will stop. Then the quondam employes of those who waxed fat at the rich pot of national wealth will not be coming to the doctors' offices for free treatment; they will not be crowding like cattle in the muggy confines of our free clinics. It is safe to say that three fourths of the doctors of this nation spend fully three-fourths of their time, their skill, and even of their bought-and-expected-to-be-paid-for materials, today in caring for patients, down-and-outs; and these patients are former employes from whose labor other men have grown rich.

The Report of the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care opens with the statement that "the problem of providing satisfactory medical service to the people at costs which they can meet is a *pressing* one." Considered alone, one must agree; but related to the matters already discussed, as ultimately it must be, in the words of our Dr. Chas. Scofield, "One doubts". With the larger problem solved, this, with other ramifications, will also be solved.

Pending the awakening of courage in the broader field, what? Shall the medical profession continue gratis service to those who can not, or, as often happens, will not, pay? Notwithstanding the injustice of it, nevertheless the answer is, "Yes". We *must* go on,—*for the duration of this economic war!* Perhaps the public appreciates it more than we know. Discounting that, we can not run out on them in this pinch. But after? To many of us it looks as if "after" will not much matter. Just the same, light is breaking through. It is time to think along these lines.

What at first appeared to be somewhat radical proposals come from both the majority and the minority reports of the Committee. Boiled down, however, there are not so many points of divergence. Both assert that the care of the indigent is a community responsibility, in which the doctor should bear his part as a citizen, but only such part. Physicians will concur in this, and in the expressed belief that by taxation alone can the burden be met. That does not mean that "up-lift" organizations shall take charge of medical care for the indigent. It does mean that such patients will retain free choice in the selection of their physician and that the physician shall be paid a reasonable, and necessarily uniform, fee. Thus all free clinics should close, except those conducted for teaching purposes. And, it may be added that, at the physician's discretion, every beneficiary patient must submit to being used for teaching purposes. Such requirement will benefit the patient for the reason that it will be necessary in such cases to go into more than routine investigation.

For those in the lower brackets of earning capacity, insurance appears to be the solution. The Minority Report objects to any kind of insurance. William T. Foster, a member of the Majority of the Committee, writing in the January "Atlantic", emphatically urges compulsory insurance.

It is difficult to see how any arrangement without *some form* of insurance can prevent the "exceptional" burden of medical costs. And it is to be kept in mind that the problem is entirely with reference to those who get the "exceptional" blow. Certainly one may dismiss the "average" cost, namely, about \$45.00 for a family of five per year, as not being seriously important. The Committee shows, however, that of those in the earning group below \$1,200.00, 3.5% paid 31%; from \$1,200 to \$2,000.00, 1% paid 13%; from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00, 4.4% paid 25.9%; from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00, 12.7% paid 49.4%, each group respectively, of all paid by that group. This reveals how very hard individuals do get "hit" in cases of serious illness.

Manifestly, this situation is to be met either, (a) by taking the chance, exactly as is now done; or (b) by some sliding scale of insurance with relation to earning capacity,—and the consequent fees. If the first course is to be followed, then the discussion may as well cease, so far as any practical results are concerned, except as to economies, later to be touched upon.

On the other hand, if an insurance plan is to be adopted, apparently the only way by which the medical profession may retain control is that it should be voluntary insurance. Under any compulsory system, one inquires: Where will that finally lead the medical profession? And is compulsory insurance entirely in harmony with our free institutions? The answer would be, of course, that it would be as much so as compulsory education; that one has no more right to "enjoy poor health" than to bask in blissful ignorance. There is something to that argument. Still, at least for a time, the voluntary system would appeal to one as offering the better opportunity to gain experience, to evolve and prove plans, and certainly to retain professional control. The latter is essential, not for any selfish reason, but in order that the progress of medicine, and the proper relationship of the physician to his patients, shall be maintained.

The Committee has shown that 40 per cent. of the doctor's gross income goes for "over-head". If some group arrangement could be worked out along the line suggested by Dr. Chas. Scofield in the March Bulletin, Page 15, under the aegis of The Mahoning County Society, it appears reasonable that much of this expense could be saved. If, in managing the patients, only such hospital and other expense were incurred as would be necessary and rational, with reference to the economic status of the patient; if, as H. L. Mencken so cogently puts it, ("American Mercury", March, 1933), doctors themselves would cease to give so much encouragement to the "baneful proliferation" of free service; if "charity would cease to be regarded as a franchise, rather than as a favor"; if those who prey upon the profession should be dealt with "biliously", as could be done under some such plan as that above suggested; if up-lifters were kicked out, and doctors would stand on their own; if in working these things out it should be distinctly understood that all medicine, including preventive medicine, is private medicine, (except sanitation, quarantine, etc.,) and that its practice is for the physician and the physician only, and all other health agencies could be made to understand and sympathize with that valuable concept,—then we should begin to get somewhere. Incidentally, Mr. Mencken's article deserves grateful reading by every physician.

Finally, to solve the costs of medical care, one must keep in mind the nurses who carry out orders; these workers must be aware of the dignity of their profession. They, with the dentists, and the ethical equipment concerns, and the ethical pharmacists, jointly with the medical profession, and well-managed hospitals, should be the sole recipients of all money paid out for medical care. The sustained, united, and idealistic performance of duty upon the part of each of these will go far in the solution of a very vexing controversy.



## SMALLPOX—LOWELLVILLE

The first quarantine in the present epidemic was made on March 9th and there have been 53 cases reported to the present date, March 31st. There have been no severe cases and no deaths.

The most striking fact brought out during this time has been the willingness of people to be vaccinated when the opportunity is offered. The Board of Education of the village passed a resolution making vaccination compulsory for children attending school and the opposition to it was negligible. The Village officials did all in their power to help in quarantine enforcement. There were 2700 vaccinations done in the village and contiguous territory and, with the exception of about 500, were all done by the Lowellville Physicians.

We feel that if the Physicians and Health Workers would make their statements regarding vaccination more dogmatic, a far greater protection would be obtained and also the day of a State wide mandate would be hastened.

Geo. Y. Davis, M. D., County Health Commissioner.



The Public Health Committee has prepared six notices, four of which are reproduced here. They are the size of an ordinary envelope and can be sent out with your statements.

BOARD OF HEALTH  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

MAHONING COUNTY  
GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

In order to stamp out Smallpox, you are urged by the Commissioner of Health to have every member of your family vaccinated unless this has been done within the last five years.

Vaccination is harmless and is an absolute protection against the disease. Please see your family physician at once for this protection.

IN the interest of continued good health you are urged to visit your physician for a health examination at regular intervals.

This measure of preventive medicine is endorsed by the Mahoning County Medical Society.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO  
BOARD OF HEALTH

GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
MAHONING COUNTY

TO PARENTS

I am asked by the Commissioner of Health to call your attention to the importance of having all children between nine months and ten years of age protected against diphtheria. The procedure is simple, safe and lasting. The doctors are encouraged by the Health Department to wipe out this dangerous disease of children. If you have a child who has not yet been protected, please have this attended to at once.

M. D.

Before Going On Your Vacation

*Be sure to protect yourself by inoculation against Typhoid Fever, as you do not know of the sanitary condition of places you pass through or visit. One drink of infected water may mean weeks of sickness.*

*These notices may be obtained from Dr. Wm. Skipp at 30c per hundred.*



## VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

**A**BOUT eight years ago, when small-pox was epidemic in Mahoning Valley, the writer, with the assistance of some of the other doctors in Struthers, persuaded the Board of Education to require a successful vaccination (or repeated non-successful vaccinations) of all Struthers pupils; excepting, of course, those that had had small-pox.

Two or three years later the board modified this regulation to permit children of parents who objected to this procedure to enter school without vaccination. Now we have succeeded in getting them to put the matter back to the former and proper status.

Now is a good time for the health and school physicians to secure such action by Boards of Education, who alone have authority to do this.

Attention is directed to "School Laws of the State of Ohio", dated 1928—Page 351, section 7686, General Code:

"VACCINATION OF PUPILS: The School Board of each district may make and enforce such rules and regulations to secure the vaccination of, and to prevent the spread of Smallpox among the pupils attending or eligible to attend the schools of the district as in its opinion the safety and interest of the public require. Boards of health, councils of municipal corporations, and the trustees of townships, on application of the board of education of the district, at the public expense, without delay, shall provide the means of vaccination to such pupils as are not provided therewith by their parents or guardians."

The children are referred to their family physician for vaccination.

Surely all the health activities (public health, school and private agencies) of a community should be coordinated or, better, actively administered under one head. This leader should be a physician who is public health minded.

Charles Scofield, M. D.



## Report of Communicable Diseases, March, 1933

	Youngstown	County	Campbell	Struthers	Muni Hosp.
Chickenpox	122	54	4	90	
Diphtheria	4	3	1		
Influenza	4	2		1	
Measles	6	4			
Measles, German		2			
Mumps	5	2			
Pneumonia	2	3	1	1	
Scarlet Fever	94	32	9	2	2
Smallpox	8	57			
Tuberculosis	27	4			
Whooping Cough	22	7			
Syphilis		1	2	1	7
Gonorrhoea		1			
Ophthalmia Neona	1				



## COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

The BULLETIN Business office extends its thanks and appreciation, to the many members who are so admirably exerting every effort in the interest of the Bulletin and the Bulletin advertisers. Aside from the reading matter in our Bulletin, which needs no comment from this office, the advertisements are worth while reading. The advertiser spares no effort to produce intelligent and interesting reading matter for you. He has a message for YOU. He is interested to know if his message reaches its destination. Now, in the depths of the depression, it is more and more apparent that BULLETIN ADVERTISERS are given preference, whenever possible.

P. J. F.

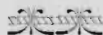
## THE MAN AND THE HOE

A frail old man with long white beard,  
Whose words and ways had much endeared  
Him to a strong and youthful friend,  
Had finished hoeing, reached the end  
Of his long years of useful toil.  
He cleaned his hoe of all the soil  
That clung from his rich garden bed,  
Then gave it to the boy, and said,—  
"My lad, just keep it clean and bright."  
Then in his eyes there shone the light  
Considerate age alone acquires  
And ardent youth so much desires;  
Which light, whatever might befall,  
Will brightly burn in memory's hall.

A tool as token. Age to youth  
Will ever stress some basic truth.  
Whatever fruits our gardens bear,  
Be they good deeds or flowers fair,  
Some implements must shape their growth,  
Our own or others' hands, or both;  
And all refinements these may show  
Come through the use of some old hoe.

The youth has prized the old man's trust  
Though his plain token long is dust;  
For he, as well, has greying hair  
And dimming eyes and lines of care.  
Yet as he sits where winds will blow  
Some faded leaves where he would grow  
His brightest flowers, red and blue,  
They bring some fragrance with them too.

Warren Deweese Coy.



## S. Q. LAPIUS OBSERVES

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt brought prospecting up to date when he observed that "thar's gold in them thar safety deposit boxes".

If Adolph Hitler continues his campaign of persecution he will find himself out of luck when he next tries to buy a suit of clothes.

Newspaper headline notes a large reduction in money appropriated to supply grog for British sailors. Now there's a rum idea, what?

Small baby falls out of second story window onto hard ground and is unhurt. Now we can understand that term "bouncing baby boy".

Prince of Wales takes to aviation. Hope he has better luck than he did with horses. But then he will probably not fall more than once from an airplane.

City ordinance in Berea, Ohio, provides that all animals being led or driven after dark must wear a red tail light. Imagine trying to install one on a mule.

How come that no one has attributed the western earthquake to the return of Herbert Hoover to that part of the country. The probable explanation is that the 'quake was caused by certain financiers shaking in expectation of Roosevelt's promised investigations.

Our bet is that George Bernard Shaw has come over here to protest because he was not appointed on that Committee on the Cost of Medical Care. Bet that George endorses yeast before he leaves,—at least his whiskers qualify him to do so.

## A CHAT WITH ARTHUR BRISBANE

O dean of columnists most erudite,  
 You see our planet in so clear a light  
 And scrutinize our world day by day  
 As from Olympus' heights, and what you say  
 I deem most wise, and never do I doubt  
 Your facts; no matter what you write about  
 Your statements almost always I accept.  
 Yes, almost always, to be sure, except  
 In medicine and sciences perhaps  
 Because I found you here and there to lapse.

For instance, only a few days ago  
 It was for me enlightening to know  
 The things you wrote of Rockefeller's wealth,  
 The secrets of his vigor and his health,  
 And how he made and spent his many dollars,  
 And then you wrote (of all things!) of soft collars.  
 It seems that you are firm in your conviction  
 That a stiff collar causes a constriction  
 Upon the Vagus. Arthur, this is comical!  
 How could you write such piffle anatomical?  
 You urge soft collars for longevity  
 I'd treat your statement with some levity  
 But the Pneumogastric nerve will take offense  
 I simply have to come to his defense.  
 I do not see how collars can affect  
 What nature took such pains to well protect,  
 He has hydraulic shock absorbers double  
 (Pray look it up, you'll find it with no trouble.)  
 With Jugular and Carotid on each side.  
 The Vagus has a comfortable ride  
 A sheath surrounds the whole thing for good measure  
 (Now, this should give you peace of mind and pleasure)  
 Still other tissues as protection serve;  
 So, please, lay off the Pneumogastric Nerve.

I have another bone with you to pick:  
 When good King George of England was quite sick  
 With what was called a chronic lung congestion  
 You felt impelled to offer a suggestion,  
 If to you it seemed like a foregone conclusion  
 That George Rex needed only a transfusion  
 That his white corpuscles were out of step  
 And that whole blood would give the King new pep.  
 Now, think what an embarrassing position  
 It must have been for every court physician  
 To have a layman give the obvious care,  
 They got him well without it, to be sure,  
 And, confidentially, it is not nice  
 And quite unethical to give advice.  
 To patients till you are by them consulted.  
 I wonder if Lord Dawson felt insulted?

There are some other matters which need mention  
 I'll only call a few to your attention  
 I believe you do not fully understand  
 That operations on pituitary gland  
 Are not performed **right through** brain tissue  
 For there are safer routes. We'll drop this issue  
 And pass to your starvation for pyrexia  
 Which would result in general cecexia,  
 Or your nutrition chemistry. Eh, what!  
 Since when did sugars stop producing fat?

There are still others but we'll drop the matter  
 Now, when your many paragraphs you scatter  
 I shall not be so hypercritical  
 Of your opinions political  
 But if your medicine I take with salt  
 You can't blame me, 'tis only your own fault.

Theophrastus Bombastus, M. D.



## AD-JUNCTS

- LOOK FOR THE DISPLAYS AT THE POST GRADUATE EXERCISES**
- Automobiles—YOUNGSTOWN AUTO HOSPITAL**, Lacerations or Median Laps.
- Corsets—THE SPENCER CORSET CO.** Mrs. Helen Mantle will have a dandy display at Post Graduate Day booth.
- Druggists—WHITE DRUG STORES.** Ralph is one of the BULLETIN'S regular friends.
- LAERI'S APOTHECARY SHOPPE.** A. J. of "Mortar and Pestle" fame.
- IDORA PHARMACY.** Irwin says; "U. S. P. and N. F. for anemic pocket-books."
- GOODMAN BROS. PHARMACY.** We are told Al liked the Ad. Man's Nightmare. Thanks.
- McCREADY DRUG CO.** "Mac" has a new store on Madison at Fifth.
- Dry Cleaning—EARL M. BLAIR**, keeps the doctors looking their best.
- Flowers—PAUL SCHMIDT** knows rock gardens too.
- Infant Diet Materials—MEAD JOHNSON and CO.** Newfoundland Cod Liver Oil, Mead's cereal second to none; They also have a Dextri-Maltose with vitamin B. Doesn't vitamin B play a part in immunology?
- Invalid Coach Service—THE SHRIVER-ALLISON CO.** Wonder if CURT forgave us for the way he was treated in the Ad. Man's Nightmare.
- FRED B. KING AND SONS.** Hope they all have read the "Nightmare."
- Milk—INDIAN CREEK FARM.** Florence is a real SPECIALIST on MILK. She feeds her cows a scientifically correct diet, to produce a quality milk, that is safe without "toasting". Incidentally, do all cows have rings in their noses?
- Parking Station—CENTRAL SQUARE GARAGE.** Lee King wants all the doctors to park with him. Here is the place for out-of-town guests to park their cars on Post Graduate Day; it is nearer to the c'ub.
- Pharmaceuticals—THE ZEMMER COMPANY.** Bill Hayford is a walking "Ad." for P. G. Day. H. B. Johnson, vice-president is coming too, with a bang-up display for you at P. G. Day. Let's look them up.
- WM. S. MERRELL COMPANY.** The flood didn't prevent Merrell from showing us the development of Karicin, a locally born product; welcome, Mr. Merrel. Everybody register with them.
- THE ABBOTT LABORATORIES.** A new arrival. See Mr. Wescott at the Post Graduate Day display.
- Physicians and Hospital Supplies—LYONS-LAERI CO.** Frank Lyons gets a kick out of Post Graduate Day displaying.
- Printing—THE UNITED PRINTING CO.** Nate Grosshandler has a classy printing establishment.
- Sanitarium—MERCER SANITARIUM.** Dr. Richardson does some nice re-education work on mental and nervous patients.
- Shoes—DeCICCO SHOE STORE.** Can a cow hide in a shoe store? For the answer you must consult his "Ad." in this issue.
- Specialties—KAOMUL CO.** Has anybody seen Kel'ey? Here is a NEW friend in the BULLETIN; welcome.
- Towels—YOUNGSTOWN TOWEL SUPPLY CO.** Lou. Friedman can supply your needs in linen.
- Water—KALAK WATER CO.** Well, well—here's WATER that IS antacid.

## BOQUETS AND BRICKBATS

The editorial staff would like to hear some criticism, constructive or otherwise, of the Bulletin. Any suggestions which would be of benefit to this publication will receive a careful hearing. Below are given some comments on the March issue.

March 13, 1933

Editor, The Mahoning County Medical Soc. Bulletin,

Dear Doctor:

I have been asked by the Staff of the Alliance City Hospital to write you expressing our appreciation of your Bulletin which most of our members have regularly received.

Many of our members have also attended your scientific programs and post-graduate days and feel that they have been exceedingly valuable.

We hope that at some future time we will be able to show our appreciation in some concrete form. Until that time, please be assured of our very best wishes and accept our thanks for your excellent publication.

Very sincerely yours, George L. King Jr., Sec. of Hospital Staff.

March 23, 1933

Editor, The Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin,

Dear Doctor Deitchman:

Through the courtesy of Mr. H. B. Johnson of the Zemmer Co., we have received a copy of the Mahoning County Medical Society Bulletin, which I have just gone through with a great amount of interest.

I wonder if you would care to add us to your list of exchange periodicals. Please advise me so that I can ask our circulation department to place the Bulletin on our exchange list.

May I congratulate you on your editorship of such a colorful and lively publication.

Very truly yours, Medical Economics, Inc., Harold S. Stevens, Managing Editor.

March 23, 1933

Editor Mahoning County Medical Bulletin,

Dear Doctor Deitchman:

Thank you very much for the "honorable mention" you gave us on the third cover of the March Bulletin "But just the same—the children's needs, Are more than aptly, met by MEAD'S."

We have been watching with interest the development of the Bulletin. You manage to get very interesting reading matter and the typography is excellent. With best wishes for the continuation of the good work you are doing, we are

Faithfully yours, Mead Johnson & Company, A. L. Rose, Vice President.

The success of the BULLETIN is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts and ingenuity of our genial Business Manager, Dr. Paul Fuzy. He not only procures the advertising, but writes a good many of the ads, and, on occasion, breaks into verse as he did in "An Ad Man's Nightmare" in the March issue. Ye Editor considers himself fortunate to have Paul's cooperation.

## Bulletin From the Ohio State Department of Health

### Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis—(Infantile Paralysis)

There is no undue prevalence of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis at present; in fact this year's number of reported cases (78) is the lowest since 1922.

This may, however, be a lull before the storm, so we wish to announce that a limited supply of poliomyelitis convalescent serum has been secured by the Ohio State University, College of Medicine. This supply is at the service of regular practicing physicians free of cost. Physicians in the area near Cleveland should get in touch with the School of Medicine, Western Reserve University; if near Cincinnati, with the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine.

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H. G. SOUTHARD, M. D., Director of Health.

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Adv.

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